



## CHRISTIAN CIVIC LEAGUE OF MAINE

### Testimony in Opposition to LD 335: An Act to Protect Funding for Family Planning Services (title changed)

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Senator Ingwersen, Representative Meyer, and Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services, I am Nick Adolphsen, Executive Director of the Christian Civic League of Maine. Thank you for the opportunity to testify today in opposition to *LD 335: An Act to Protect Funding for Family Planning Services*.

This bill appears to create three distinct funding mechanisms for the abortion and family planning industry in Maine: first, by appropriating state funds to match any lost Title X funds; second, appropriating state funds to match any lost Medicaid funds for entities whose primary business is abortion; and by appropriating \$5 million extra for unrestricted grant funds to entities in the family planning and abortion industry.

Maine taxpayers are already footing the bill for extensive abortion and family planning services through MaineCare. Unlike federal policy, which places limits on taxpayer-funded abortion, Maine requires taxpayers to fund these services — even for full-term abortions.

Advocates for this bill may insist the funding is for “non-abortion services” because Title X funds cannot be used for abortions. This claim would ignore two key realities: first, money is fungible. Just as a gift to cover someone’s groceries frees up cash for other expenses, taxpayer dollars that cover general operations inevitably support the broader mission — a mission that has resulted in nearly 70 million abortions nationwide in the last 50 years. Second, and more important, this bill would not impose the same requirements on how the money is spent as Title X does. There are no clear limitations or restrictions on the expenditure of the grant funds. Maine Family Planning, as the state’s Title X grantee, provides (according to its own website) in-person abortions, abortion pills through the mail, birth control, hormonal gender transition therapy for teenagers and adults, sex education for school children, and more. Maine Family Planning also provides funding to subgrantees such as Planned Parenthood and school-based clinics. Unless the Legislature imposes clear requirements for how funds can and cannot be spent, recipients will be able to spend them how they choose, including in ways unsupported by the vast majority of Mainers.

The bill’s title asserts that this \$5 million in annual funding will “protect funding” for family planning services, ostensibly because the state’s Title X family planning funding may be cut by the federal government, but the total amount of Title X funding flowing to Maine is less than \$2 million annually (\$1,925,000 in 2024). This appropriation does not “protect” Title X grantees, it would provide them with a substantial increase—100% of any lost Title X and Medicaid funding but in state dollars, plus an additional \$5 million—to be used for whatever purpose Maine Family Planning or its subgrantees desire.

I strongly urge you to reject LD 335. Maine’s families deserve better. Thank you for your time and consideration.